

Sts. Peter and Paul School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2008

Members present:

Ken Gibbs, Darren Mechler, Lisa Bucheit, Deacon Doug Boyer, Courtney Brauer, Tony Morrow, Rose Lehmann, Cindy Kuhn, Julia Pluff, Nancy Koesterer, Charlie Loch and Todd Papenberg

Opening:

The regular meeting of the SPPS School Board was called to order at 7:00 pm on November 4, 2008 in the Computer Lab by Julia. The opening prayer was lead by Deacon Doug.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed. Courtney Brauer made the motion to approve and Nancy Koesterer second the motion.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Courtney Brauer made the motion to approve and Nancy Koesterer second the motion.

C. New Business

President's items:

a. Parish Strategic Plan assignments:

Alumni – Darren Mechler

Catholic Identity – Linda Sanders

Curriculum – Tony Morrow

Development / PR – Courtney Brauer and Rose Lehmann

Enrollment – Todd Papenberg

Facilities – Charlie Loch

Finance – Kit Foster

School in the parish – Nancy Koesterer

Staffing – Julia Pluff

Technology – Cindy Kuhn

Beginning with the next school board meeting each sub-committee will report on plans / progress.

b. Use of funds raised – Cindy Kuhn: many questions being raised by school families on how the funds are utilized from fundraisers. A letter will go out this Friday from Lisa to address these questions and concerns.

c. Fundraising buyout plan – Nancy Koesterer: The buyout amount for next year will have to be calculated based on next year's budget. This will be offered next year and will go out with the registration packet. There will be an amount per family for both families that have children participating in sports as well as those that do not.

d. Sports uniform tracking: There have been many issues in school provided sports uniforms being returned to the school at the end of the season. Julia will write a policy for the school on this and will e-mail to all school board members to review and respond to her e-mail to let her know you approve of the policy; this is how we will vote on this item.

Principal's Items:

a. ITBS scores: We do not have the comparisons yet comparing our results to other schools in the diocese. Math Computation is an area of opportunity for the school.

b. Homework update: Teachers would like a letter to be sent to parents realigning expectations on timelines for home work completion. This letter will instruct parents to contact the teacher direct with and concerns.

Grades K-2, 15-30 minutes per day, 3-5 30-60 minutes and 6-8 60-90 minutes.

c. Math Program update: Bumpy start to program, have held and in service for teachers. There are many teacher resources available, there is also a disk to use that has text book and workbook pages. Can also take practice tests. K-6 has been added this year and grades 7-8 will adopt next year.

d. Human sexuality status: A committee has been formed, will evaluate two options on available programs. 5th grade – discuss changes in bodies / body changes. 6th grade – Anatomy lessons – differences between male / female. Both of these programs do share the churches view.

e. Mass Schedule: Will remain as it currently is for now, ideally would like to move to mass for the children two times per week. All school mass on Tuesday.

f. Financial position: There are concerns with endowment not meeting needs, endowment is down 25%. Health insurance costs were greater than expected. The

current plan is to not spend the Education First funds, will save these and see where we are financially in the spring. We would still like to spend these funds on Smart Boards. \$14k has been raised to date, \$11K of that has been spent on the new math program. The Gold Rush raffle was down \$9K this year. Spending is being limited at this time.

g. Miscellaneous: The uniform picture is the picture that will be used again in the year book for this year.

D. Standing Reports

Friends of SPPS: Cindy:

At the meeting it was discussed how to bring faith into the home. On 11/17 there will be a Papa Vitos fundraiser held and on 11/25 there will be a vendor night to take the place of the regular meeting. Lisa mentioned that for a future meeting they may want to have a representative from the Math Program company come to speak.

Parish Council: Julia

The bells are in and have been paid for in full. Gina Green and Connie Myers have both resigned from the parish council. 125th anniversary of the church is next year; a year of celebration is being planned.

Finance Council: Nancy

The Carnival profit was \$1569 and the raffle raised \$4649

Youth Ministry – Linda

Great response by the Jr. High age group at meetings. Confirmation social next Sunday 11/9.

Building and Grounds:

The grounds are in good shape, will be trenching for the fire alarm system from the latchkey building.

Scrip update – Kit

\$960 raised in box tops. \$1400 check coming to the school for one month. 6A won the pizza party. The profit in scrip for the month of October was \$500.00

AFR update: Ken

Received the Holland Construction Company estimate, they did an excellent job at no cost, taking everything into consideration. This will be reviewed and discussed at the AFC committee meeting on Thursday. The costs have risen significantly. We will not be going forward with a capitol campaign at the beginning of 2009 at previously planned. More details to come.

E. Closing Comments

Next meeting will be held Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm in the Latchkey trailer. The closing prayer was led by Nancy Koesterer.

Adjournment: